be lacking in important details and requisite information. Accordingly, the Government of Maharashtra has been intimated to revise these project reports.

(d) Does not arise.

Clearance to irrigation projects

632. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the numer of clearances given by his Ministry to Irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh during year 2006;

(d) the details of such projects, district wise;

(c) whether some projects are still under consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) One project, namely Vamsadhara irrigation project phase-II of Stage-II in Srikakulam District was granted site clearance during 2006.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The projects which are still under consideration for grant of environmental clearance are:- (i) Velegonda project in Prakasam District, (ii) Vamsadhara project in Srikakulam District, (iii) Sripadasagar project in Karimnagar district, & (iv) Handri Niva Sujala Shravanthi project in Kurnool, Ananthapur, Kadapa, & Chitoor districts.

Horseshoe crabs

632. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the horseshoe crabs that are among the oldest living creatures on earth, are losing a daily battle in Orissa's Chandipore, their last bastion in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that horseshoe crabs that were once available in lakhs in the country are high in demand for their immense medicinal